

TO THE DESCENDANTS OF THOMAS MOULTON:

Would the mother and the father of the family, in each case, sit down together and talk over the validity of this letter. Decide whether you should support this program or not.

Lawrence Durrell said, "We live by a very exacting kind of poetic logic--since we get exactly what we ask for, no more and no less."

Joseph Smith, who most of the descendants of Thomas Moulton accept as having been a Prophet of God, stated most frankly that our own salvation was closely tied with that of our kindred dead.

And from Edmond Burke--"All that is required for the triumph of evil is that good men remain silent and do nothing."

Frankly, in the case of effective genealogical work for the Thomas Moulton family, evil has been making good progress.

In going back through the records over the past ten years, as far as can be determined we, as a family, have probably given five or six hundred dollars to this cause. We have given little. We have accomplished little.

We do not mean to air a feeling of ingratitude. But the truth is that less than twenty people have contributed most of the time and money which has been contributed. We are SO GRATEFUL to you few.

Frankly, this total picture is a little bit like it is with the Book of Mormon. If the Book of Mormon is true (and it is our firm testimony that it is)--then so many, many other things fall in place: God lives; Jesus is His Son; Joseph Smith was the instrument of God in restoring the Gospel to the earth in these latter days; --and this work in which we should be so enthusiastically engaged should constitute the very marrow of our hopes and dreams and desires.

We ask that you re-read those first three statements. What about it?

We want you to understand that no family member has received pay for any work which he may have done. Every cent has either been put into supplies, postage and printing or has gone into professional research. We have just about enough money on hand to complete this publication. We sincerely hope and pray that it is effective.

There have probably been 1,000 family heads who have descended from Thomas Moulton, his wife Esther Marsh, who died in England, and Sarah Denton.

If no goals are set, nothing will be accomplished. We ask you to join us in the following:

(1) Let's raise \$5,000 in the next two years. This shouldn't be impossible. We are not asking the usual givers for more--they volunteer, without asking. But that still leaves most of the rest of us.

With the money raised, we can more adequately fulfill our obligations.

We've shied away from asking for money in the past. We just don't like to have to do it. But now we are coming to you with a forthright plea to support this cause. It is so strange. Sometimes we have received our best support from the in-laws. In fact, they sometimes are the ones to carry the ball for the family member. We are not setting an amount--but surely each family who is converted to the program could send at least \$1 per month. --Better still--a single check for the year.

Verda Hicken is re-editing the Thomas Moulton Family History. We are still some time from publication. It should be excellent.

We hope that you enjoy the photo sheet attached.

The Moulton Research Foundation

